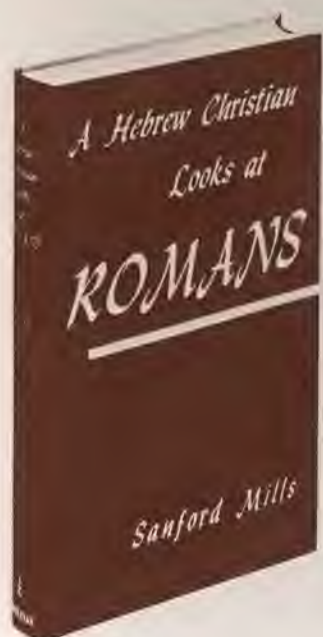


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Salutation



DEARLY BELOVED FRIENDS IN THE LORD:

Some time ago I was on my knees and sweating profusely. It was not because I was praying. We had bought a small home (and a large mortgage) in Rockland County, New York. Now I had my chance to grow roses as I had always wanted to do when a boy in Brooklyn. I read books, pored over catalogs, and ordered plants. When they finally arrived, I knew just where to plant them. However, I soon discovered that Rockland County was well-named, as it seemed as if every spade-thrust hit rock. I tried crowbars, but the only way I could plant those bushes was to get down on my knees and dig under the rocks with a trowel. This was hard work for a city dweller and the perspiration flowed. I found out that the only way to plant roses in Rockland County was to dig into the soil and work.

Later I found that even the care of roses demanded the same effort. I had purchased a spray gun that would shoot a spray thirty feet. I soaked the rose bed from a distance with the finest sprays I could afford, but blight and aphids soon took over and again I had to get on my knees and work. In spite of the soaking, blight set in and the aphids had to be eliminated by hand. Perhaps other crops can be harvested by machinery, but if a person wants to grow roses in Rockland County he must get into the harvest and work.

There is an analogy between growing roses in Rockland County and reaching Jews with the Gospel. The parallel does not refer to the condition of the soil, because stony hearts are not a Jewish monopoly. Every day we meet people with hearts that are longing for spiritual reality. The similarity is one of method. The only way to grow a harvest of roses is to get into the field; the way to a harvest of Jewish souls is the same. Our Lord knew this.

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest (Matthew 9:36-38).

“Labourers into his harvest” — this is our Lord’s method; and, by God’s grace, it is the method of the American Board of Missions to the Jews. There are many other methods — good ones too, such as radio and literature which we utilize. Also, we publish over 100 different tracts in many languages. We

have radio broadcasts in English, Yiddish, Hebrew, and French; but our aim in using these methods is to implement the prayer of the Lord, "labourers into the harvest." Laboring in the harvest field has always been the prime method used by your Mission.

I well remember back in 1938 when I first joined the staff. My mentor was Miss Augusta Sussdorf of blessed memory. This stalwart of the faith literally wore out her feet climbing tenement stairs as she "labored" knocking on doors so that she could get "into the harvest." One of those visits was at the Salinsky home and Ida Salinsky, whom she led to the Lord, was to become my mother. I love to walk and to climb mountains; but I was physically exhausted after each day's visitation with Miss Sussdorf. As strong as my legs were, her legs were stronger, in spite of her diabetes. "Daniel," she would say, "always visit the top tenement first and then go down. If you don't you may never get out!"

This is still our method, and, by God's grace, we will not change. We will utilize all other methods, but we use them as tools to arrange a face-to-face witness and confrontation. I emphasize this because some may feel we are changing our direction; we are not.

"Christ in the Passover" Telecast

Last month we were able to make a preliminary announcement about the pilot telecast of the "Christ in the Passover" program which we are scheduling for the Los Angeles area in April. Naturally we are excited about the prospect. Think of it — sixty thousand Jewish people seeing and hearing the Gospel at one time! This telecast is not a "gimmick." We are tilling the soil before scattering the seed and when the first tender saplings appear we will, by God's grace, get down on our knees and sweat over each plant until the harvest is reaped.

Preparation for the Telecast

We have already spent a long, hot summer tilling the soil. Last summer, Terry Delaney made arrangements whereby three students from the Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary worked in our Los Angeles Branch for ten weeks under a Student Missionary Intern Program. In the mornings, the students attended lectures, visited synagogues, worked on projects, etc. This excellent instruction was given by the Rev. Harold Sevener, who is in charge of our Pacific Southwest District. In the afternoons, the students put their new-found knowledge into actual practice. There were street-meetings, house-to-house visitation, counselling sessions, and other areas of Mission activities. They canvassed the entire neighborhood and came up with twenty thousand Jewish names and addresses. As they canvassed they witnessed and distributed literature. Later each person named in the canvas received an invitation to our special Holy Day Service, and many actually attended. By the time of the Passover telecast this list of names will be expanded to at least one hundred thousand and we expectantly hope to two hundred thousand.

Mr. Sevener and the Los Angeles staff are dividing these lists of names according to geographical areas. They are organizing the various evangelical churches to help us. The lists will be distributed to the various churches which in turn will mail publicity to each person on the lists. The following is the most important part of the schedule: each pastor will divide the names among mem-

bers of his congregation, who, after prayer, will telephone each person named. They will tell about the special telecast on the Passover and urge him to listen with his family. Besides this, the Special Passover Program will be advertised in *The Los Angeles Times* and *TV Guide*. In this way we expect to reach more Jewish people with the Gospel than have been reached at any one time in history.

Follow-up For The Telecast

We have told our television agent that we want and expect written requests from at least 3,500 Jewish people for the literature we will be offering. There is no reason why we should not anticipate at least as many requests from Gentiles. It is at this point that we labor in the harvest field. The literature requested will be mailed; later, the Jewish Art Calendar will be mailed. All notices of the meetings in our Los Angeles Branch will be sent regularly. The personal visitation by our Mission staff will begin immediately. This is a tremendous task for an already extended staff. However, we expect at least five and possibly six students to take the Summer Intern Program this year.

As to the program itself, we expect it to be a presentation of the Gospel that will not only glorify the Lord, but will also be so well-written and performed that it will compel continued attention. It will begin with the Old Testament Passover, followed by the modern Jewish Seder, and then the Gospel will be introduced and clearly explained.

We realize that such a production will be costly; but there is a difference between being frugal and cheap, and your Mission is frugal. We are printing over 200,000 pieces of literature, and that bill could be staggering. However, these folders are to be printed for the cost of the paper alone by one of our friends, Dave Davidson. Dave is a pilot with Frontier Airlines and flies only about thirteen days each month. He owns a ranch outside of Denver and has converted a barn into a first-class printing shop, and promises us a circular which will glorify the Lord. The printing will be inexpensive, but it won't be cheap.

And this is not all, the television production, though costly, is a one-time expense; and we will be able to use it continually and indefinitely throughout the years until the Lord comes! The Intern Program which began so propitiously in Los Angeles last year will be duplicated here in New York this summer. We will analyze the results, make corrections, and profit by our experience. Then the Lord willing, the program will be repeated next year in an intensified manner in both New York and Los Angeles, and then to the other branches always remembering our Scriptural method, "labourers into the harvest." We expect to use this method so that thousands will be clearly confronted with the message, "For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." We earnestly covet your prayers for an abundant harvest of souls.

Faithfully yours in His service,





Vacation: A Time of Exhaustion or Refreshing?

Rev. EMIL D. GRUEN, D.D., Conference Secretary

"It was a wonderful vacation but I am all tired out." Has this ever happened to you? For too many the vacation has become a time of exhausting activities rather than for restoring and refreshing. Yet there is a better way; the Psalmist David suggests it in these words, "He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul;" (Psalm 23:2, 3).

The summer conference program of your Mission offers such refreshing vacation opportunities. Two of our week-long conferences are held in beautifully situated camp grounds: The Firs in Bellingham, Washington and Rest-A-While in Cedar Lake, Indiana. Both are on lakes and have all the facilities for real vacationing, water sports, hiking and all other activities that make for true outdoor enjoyment. They are under the direction of and staffed by people experienced in seeing to the well-being of their guests. Another conference is held in New York City, the world in miniature. Every nation is represented here by shops, restaurants and cultural centers. It is also one of the greatest missionary fields in the world.

To all the above, which promises a most adventuresome vacation experience, we add the joy of Christian fellowship and the opportunity for the study of God's Word. In these days of darkness and confusion it is well for the child of God to go again and again to the source of understanding and hope, for His Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Psalm 119:105).

So, as you make your summer plans we invite you to vacation with us and God's choice servants who will minister in the Word. Our schedule of summer conferences and speakers is as follows:

The Firs, Bellingham, Washington, July 4th through 10th.

Dr. John B. Houser, Bible Teacher, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Corvallis, Oregon.

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Dr. Elias den Arend and Dr. Emil D. Gruen, American Board of Missions to the Jews, Inc.

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Dr. Charles L. Feinberg, Dean, Talbot Theological Seminary.

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Jewish Notes

By ALTHEA S. MILLER

History Repeating Itself

Nes Ammim, a Christian settlement in Israel established in 1962 by a group of Dutch, German, and Swiss Protestants, made history last summer in an "open letter to the Churches." Commenting on how Jews in many countries today are mistreated and held virtual prisoners, these people have showed some insights worth noting.

1. The rise of anti-Semitism is history repeating itself. 2. With each new outburst the very existence of Israel is threatened even though the persecuted are not presently living in Israel. 3. We dare not pretend it is not happening as the "Christians" of Europe and the world did some 20 years ago. Since we are witnesses of those atrocities we stand guilty of the near-extinction of European Jewry. We must not close our eyes again. Let us learn a lesson from history.

New Forest

Dedicated to the 10,000 foreign volunteers who have given service to Israel in some personal capacity in the two years since the Six-Day-War and subsequent days of crisis, a forest was planted on a hill northwest of Jerusalem. Situated some 200 metres within former Jordan-held territory, the forest will be a constant reminder

of the many friends who came to the aid of Israel.

Water

Israeli experts have recently found relatively salt-free water on the south shore of the Dead Sea near the potash works. The find, struck at a depth of more than 1200 feet, is expected to yield about 600 cubic meters per hour, and the water will be used in the potash plant.

Silver Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago Chaim Weizmann placed the foundation stone of the Science Institute which bears his name. With the Jewish community of the then-called Palestine struggling for survival, and the holocaust at its height, this was an act of faith on the part of those men who stood with the great scientist. They followed a vision at all costs.

A note of spiritual blindness marked the recent 25th Anniversary celebration of the Institute. Flung high above the stage in huge letters, both Hebrew and English, were the words of Weizmann himself: "SCIENCE WILL BRING PEACE TO THIS LAND." What tragedy that neither he nor they know that real peace will come only by a Person, a Jew according to the flesh, Jesus the Messiah.

"... My Word... shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please" (Isaiah 55:11).



Incidents from the field

REPORTS SENT IN BY OUR WORKERS

"Attention To The Gospel!"

By MR. PETER GUTKIND
Missionary, Haifa, Israel



BLESSED be the Lord, He made it possible for me to work during this past month with an even greater outreach and in an atmosphere of quietude both at home

and throughout the country. Mrs. Gutkind was also able to take part in a certain measure in the work, mainly in the meetings in our home.

Also during these past months, friendship with some individuals and families has progressed to the point where we have been enabled to boldly preach the Messiah to them. To one family in particular we have had a frank witness since the last Yom Kippur activities. Some special home meetings were arranged during which new acquaintances were made, but most joyful was the visit of one friend, Mr. U, who came to reveal that he had accepted the Lord Yeshua as his Savior.

We have devoted much attention to keeping a close contact with Mr. U. When his wife began to draw nigh to the Lord, Mr. U adapted a standpoint of indifference, neither participating nor opposing. He took care not to be home when his wife was baptized. This situation was a problem as we had to restrain our visits somewhat to Mrs. U in order not to have trouble. Finally, his attitude changed and he

took his wife's Bible and began to read, at first a little ashamed, and later with more courage. He has two great obstacles: opposition in the factory where he works; and, antagonism from his sister, the only survivor of their family, who is in close contact with those who do not sympathize with our way. He needs our prayers.

Also, I wish to report that progress with the M family has grown. It has been necessary to convince them I "do not merely strike an attitude" but that I am what I proclaim. The Lord enabled me to gain their confidence in such a measure that I was able to preach the Word of the Gospel to them directly. It has been a 3-month story with this family. One month we have plowed; another, we have sown the Word; and then the growth began, with unlimited confidence and attention to the Gospel as well as to our testimony. But what is most interesting is that this became possible after I discovered the M family at the Yom Kippur worship in the reform synagogue on Mount Carmel. This same day I met many who were in slavery to the seasonal hysteria, a thing that made me deep in my heart so thankful to my Savior for making me free from this kind of "God-fearness" taught by the precepts of men. However, Mr. and Mrs. M were not confused when I met them and the meeting was surely not in vain.

Mrs. M had been a child ten years old when she, alone of her family in Poland, escaped the Hitler beast of prey. A woman found her in great mortal fright, hardly breathing, and in compassion arranged her a hiding

place. Mr. M, in opposite, succeeded in running away to Soviet Russia, the land of his dreams. These facts protruded in their personal philosophies; one, disappointed and resigned; the other, with the desire to endure, fight, and overcome. However, victory was not seen on their horizon and they felt perhaps that the synagogue would fill the emptiness or bring new contents to their lives. The Messiah is the One they need to know, for His Word brings joy and hope. Here truly is a plowed-up field, sown, and ready to harvest.

We thank the Lord for the blessed continuation of the incident with this family, and thank you, dear Chosen People family, for your prayers.

Witnessing In A Brooklyn Hospital

By MOGENS R. MOGENSEN
Missionary, Hollis, N. Y.



RECENTLY at a Christian Workers' Conference I met a spry lady of 85. I thought that she was a retired missionary, however, she is a registered social worker in one of Brooklyn's largest hospitals. For twelve years she has won many souls to the Lord and brought comfort to countless sick and sorrowing people.

I asked her if she met any Jewish people at the hospital.

"Oh yes, many of them, but they are not easy to talk to," she replied.

I offered my assistance, and she quickly responded, "Would you really come and help me?" At this writing she has taken me to the hospital a couple of times and we have led five Gentiles to the Lord. Also I have had good opportunities to give witness to four Jewish people!

During one visit I had spent about half an hour with a seventeen-year old boy who accepted the Lord as his Savior and it was heartwarming to see his smile! As I turned from him I noticed a middle-aged man in the opposite bed watching us. He must have heard every word. He was Jewish and I began to wonder how I should speak to him after he had heard me "preach Christ crucified" to the boy. However, he solved the problem for me.

"I bet that I'm of a different faith than you!" he challenged.

"I don't like to make a bet when I'm quite sure that you are going to lose," I answered. "I believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! Now tell me, what is your faith?"

"But you believe that Jesus is God! I heard you," he said pointing at me with his finger.

"Do you believe the Tenach?" I asked. When he answered that he did, I read him the four BRANCH passages which point to one Person and describe Him as God, King, Servant, and Man. I showed him that Genesis 3:15 made no sense whatever if the Seed of the woman be not both man and God.

We spent time together and before I left, he shook my hand and asked me to return. Two other men also

invited me to come back. One was a sad, old man without a family to visit him, nor had a Rabbi visited in the two months of his stay. Another said, "Goodby my friend. Please come back and see me again. I like to talk to you."

Please pray that we might bring peace and joy to these troubled hearts of the lost sheep of the house of Israel while in the hospital and that we may continue our contacts after they return home.

Ridicule Turns To Repentance

By MARTIN KLAYMAN
Missionary-in-Charge, Miami, Florida



RECENTLY my wife and I attended the Sunday night service in a local church in Miami Beach. There we met a Jewish woman who had come just so that she could "ridicule the Christian religion." The pastor gave a profound, yet simple message. After the service he talked with this woman and then introduced us to her. We continued the conversation and she accepted our invitation to have some refreshments with us.

From the time we got into the car until three hours later when we said our "good nights," S asked questions. She could not understand how one could be Jewish and Christian at the same time. My wife and I were most happy to explain things to her. We found her very receptive to the moving of the Spirit upon her heart.

S made no move to get out of the car when we drove her home, so I turned off the motor and we talked on. She listened to every Bible verse and admitted that she had never heard this. We told her that until we met

other believers these Bible truths had been unknown to us also.

An important subject that entered our discussion was the matter of sin. At first S did not see herself as a sinner but when I asked her if she would tell that to God she quickly changed her answer. Then I asked her how often she sinned. She answered, "About ten times a day." I did some quick mental arithmetic and said, "You say you are 57 years old. If we discount the first 7 years of your life, and multiply 365 days per year times 10 sins per day for 50 years, we come up with 182,500 sins. Isn't that an awful load of sins?" S was startled. She had never considered this and she felt crushed.

Then I told her that our Lord and Savior would lift the burden and take her sins upon Himself if she would receive Him. We discussed this step of faith with her and S bowed her head. She asked the Lord to take away her sins and to come into her heart and take over her life for His glory. When I asked her later, "Where is Jesus now?" she answered, "In my heart." She was crying softly and exclaimed, "Why am I crying? I didn't even cry at my own mother's funeral!" We explained that because the weight of sin in her life had been lifted that these were tears of relief and gladness. S agreed.

The very next day S went to her Orthodox brother and told him of the joy in her new-found faith. He became furious and warned her to forget this "nonsense" or he would throw her out of his house, which he did. He also called the family in New York and they phoned her and gave her the same warning. S wants the Lord but she also wants to hold on to her brothers and sisters.

We have been in touch with her many times and have been encour-

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A Glorious, Final Testimony

By CLARA RUBIN, Missionary
Huntington Station, New York



THE night of our November fellowship meeting, Alex walked in radiantly happy in the Lord. He asked for permission to give a testimony. It was three years to the day that Joe had met Alex, who was looking for a ride. Alex had heard unpleasant things about the Rubins, and Joe invited him to come and see for himself whether or not these things were true.

He came to hear the Gospel and returned the next evening to unburden his heart. With full compassion and understanding, I said, "Alex, only Yeshua Jesus can help you." I showed him the Scriptures proving the Messiahship of Jesus. "Alex, invite Him into your heart for only He can make you a new creature and give you a new life," I told him. He faithfully attended our Friday night Bible classes, studying and memorizing the Word until the day he became a believer and gave his heart and life to Yeshua Ha Mashiach. On the 16th of November he followed the Lord in baptism. His happiness shone through and Dr. Fuchs said, "Alex, don't ever let that smile be wiped off your face." We can testify that Alex was an entirely new person and his sordid life a thing of the past. He was always carrying his Bible and giving a testimony to all he met.

We know that the Holy Spirit was speaking through Alex when he gave his testimony. He didn't falter, but was calm and happy, and filled with love and thanksgiving to God for Yeshua. Upon finishing, he kissed and hugged me and thanked me for leading him to a new life in Yeshua. Then Alex sat down, bowed his head, and within twenty minutes he was home with the Lord!

Here is his testimony:

I am a Gentile and I'm going to try to give you an idea of what I think of the Jewish Messiah and the Jewish people. Tonight I'm speaking particularly to three people we have prayed about. How can I tell you of the wonderful things that Jesus has done for me? I'll try, and hope to reach some hearts tonight for Him.

Sometime in 1966, I came to the American Board of Missions to the Jews here in Huntington. I came intending to listen casually to some talk of the Bible and then pass it over. However, this was not what happened. Instead, I learned from the Bible of God's love for me in Yeshua.

Tonight as I was walking to the meeting, I pondered on many of the Old Testament prophets, one of whom I quote:

Thus saith the Lord, If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord (Jeremiah 31:37).

As I looked at the moon, I thought of the ordinances that God has prepared and how He has brought me to my knees to realize that He is the Creator. I thought of the wonderful things that have happened to me in meeting many Jews and Gentiles who love the Lord, also, the things that I have enjoyed and the magnificent things that God has given me to do. I just joy in the fact that I came to this Mission and came to know Yeshua and can witness to Jews and Gentiles.

I'd like to share the following with you tonight. About twelve years ago, before my mother died, she said, "I don't want to die." I didn't have an answer then. If I had known about Jesus Christ at that time, I would have told my mother about

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Report of our Minneapolis-St. Paul Branch

By DAVID WOODS, Missionary-in-Charge

THERE IS MUCH to thank the Lord for in our ministry here in the Twin Cities in reaching Jewish people for the Lord in the past months. We have had joys and blessings as well as many heartaches. Of the four persons who were baptized a few months ago, one is a student at Bethel College and is now assisting us in the work whenever possible. In addition, thirteen children have confessed Messiah as Lord here at the Beth Sar Shalom Center. We have held outings, picnics, and retreats for young and old, and two of our Jewish children attended our Mission Camp in Pennsylvania. This was a highlight of their year and the fellowship meant much in their spiritual growth.

VISITATION

My last hospital visit in the year 1969 was to Mr. Z whom we met at the State Fair. He had undergone serious surgery and he greeted me cordially. I presented him with a devotional book and a new Bible and was astonished when he spoke to me in Yiddish. After reading to him from the book of Psalms, he encouraged me to explain God's plan of salvation to him. He assured me that as soon as he was able, he intended to come to our meetings.

These are serious times we live in and we need to be reaching the unsaved. Our Christian friends are faithful in their witnessing and in asking us to visit and witness to their Jewish friends. We praise God too for those ministers and congregations who have assisted and blessed our activities with their gracious help at the Center.

One of our mothers was injured recently in an auto accident and her first thoughts were of her children's needs. We were able to help this family of six and know as we visit that God is working in their lives.

Many of our people suffer loneliness and heartache and sickness. It is good to be able to pray with them and bring to them a bit of joy in our visitation. Slow work? Yes, but we have seen God bring happiness in the midst of the trials.

MEETINGS

The Saturday classes for the children are bringing forth fruit! They love the lessons and outings, and have taken part in programs for the holidays. Our youngsters demand real love, attention and compassion, and we know that His love through us is working in their lives.

One mother told us joyfully, "I can see my child's life changing since he has been attending the Beth Sar Shalom classes. He's coming 'out of himself' and is more alive and with less fear." This truly causes us to praise the Lord.



Another boy needs a father, and a girl needs the help and counsel of a dad. We are able to reach out to these through our meetings. Yes, the children's classes are bringing forth fruit!

Our special meetings, i.e. Thanksgiving party, Channukah and Christmas, our anniversary celebration, and New Year's Eve Service were times of joy to everyone.

STATE FAIR

Our ten days at the Minnesota State Fair ministering to Jews and Gentiles was thrilling. We believe there was a great sowing of the seed of the Word as we gave out much literature and many Bibles. Many of our brethren who are burdened to witness to the Jewish people gave much loving assistance in the booth and we are thankful for their help.

A MINISTRY OF HELP

We have recently experienced many trying experiences. We have ministered to a mother whose heart is breaking over her daily problems of family living.

One man with whom we have been dealing is literally smoking himself to death, has had one lung removed, and is still not interested in the things of God.

A teenage boy has pleaded with me, "Mr. Woods, please help my family!" He recognized the chaos of a family lost from God. Please pray for us that we may lead this family to the Messiah. We know that Jesus Christ is the antidote for broken, chaotic lives, for bringing families together again, and for the comfort and healing of heartaches of the lonely.

There is much to be done until our Lord returns. We pray constantly that God's love will fill our hearts and that we will win many to Him in the Twin Cities. We thank you for your continued prayers for us and our Jewish people.



Questions & Answers

By HENRY J. HEYDT, Th.D.



Question: *Can you please give me the use made in Jewish history of the trumpet or ram's horn?*

Answer: These are not the same instruments and are not to be confused even though the Septuagint does so. On occasions both were used together. For a complete study we would recommend the article in *The Jewish Encyclopedia* on the SHOFAR and the one on the TRUMPET ("hazozerah"). The following summary occurs under the first:

"In the Pentateuch the use of the shofar is prescribed for the announcement of the New Moon and solemn feasts (Num. x. 10; Ps. lxxxii. 4), as also for proclaiming the year of release (Lev. xxv. 9). The first day of the seventh month (Tishri) is especially termed 'a memorial of blowing' (Lev. xxiii. 24), or 'a day of blowing' (Num. xxix. 1), the shofar; and the modern use of the instrument survives especially in this connection. In earlier days it was employed also in other religious ceremonials, as processions (II Sam. vi. 15; I Chron. xv. 28), or in the orchestra as an accompaniment to the song of praise (Ps. xcvi. 6; comp. *ib.* xlvi. 5). More frequently it was used as the signalhorn of war, like the silver trumpets mentioned in Num. x. 9 (see Josh. vi. 4; Judges iii. 27; vii. 16, 20; I Sam. xiii. 3)."

The article on TRUMPET tells us:

"The trumpet, like the shofar, was not so much an instrument of music as one of 'teru'ah' (noise), that is, of alarm and for signaling. Its primary use was to give signals to the people and their chiefs to assemble and to break camp (Num. x. 5 *et seq.*, 9, where the manner of blowing is specified so as to indicate the different signals intended); also generally to announce an important event and to aid in the joyous shouting of the people on festive occasions (II Kings xi. 14; Hos. v. 8; Ps. xcvi. 6, cl. 3). But its chief use, at least in later times, was religious; and it was therefore almost exclusively a priestly instrument (Num. x. 8, xxxi. 6; II Chron. xiii. 12, 14). It was sounded on New Moons; at the daily offerings; and during the pauses in the singing of the Psalms, when the people fell down and worshiped (Num. x. 10; II Chron. xxix. 26-28; Tamid vii. 3; comp. Eccles. (Sirach) 1. 16 *et seq.*; I Macc. iv. 40, v. 33). Altogether from twenty-one to forty-eight trumpet-blasts are said to have been sounded daily in the Temple (Suk. 53b). The sound of the trumpet also accompanied the joyous ceremony of water-drawing on the Feast of Tabernacles (*ib.* 51b); and a blast of trumpets announced the beginning and close of the Sabbath (*ib.* 53b; Shab. 35b). As the shofar was the in-

strument par excellence of New Year's Day, so was the trumpet that of solemn fast-days (R. H. 26b; Ta'an. 15b, 16b)."

Two different types of shofar were used, a curved one and a straight one. The curved was usually a ram's horn and the straight a wild goat or antelope although the horn of any other clean animal could be used with the exception of a cow or calf (because of the golden calf incident).

The article on SHOFAR states: "The curved shofar is symbolic of the contrite heart repenting on the most solemn days of Rosh ha-Shanah and Yom Kippur." In the Talmud this is referred to as "bending the mind"; "... on fast days the more he bends his mind the better the effect." The straight shofar indicates that a man elevates the mind. The MISHNAH for this section states: "R. JUDAH SAYS: ON NEW YEAR THE BLAST IS MADE WITH A SHOFAR OF RAMS AND ON JUBILEES WITH ONE OF ANTELOPES" (Rosh Hashanah 26b).

The use of the ram's horn is based on Gen. 22:13. "R. Abbahu said: Why do we blow on a ram's horn? The Holy One, blessed be He, said: Sound before Me a ram's horn so that I may remember on your behalf the binding of Isaac the son of Abraham, and account it to you as if you had bound yourselves before Me" (Rosh Hashanah 16a).

Question: *In one of your answers you refer to the Maccabees. Who are they?*

Answer: In the answer to which you refer we mentioned that references to the Red Sea, under that name, do not occur earlier than the Apocrypha. We then gave references from three books of the Apocrypha: Judith, Wisdom and 1 Maccabees. The word Apocrypha is plural and comes from the

Greek *apokryphos* which means "hidden" or "spurious." It consists of fourteen books, written during a period from 200 B.C. to around 100 B.C., which found their way into the Septuagint and then into the Old Testament portion of the Vulgate. They are not a genuine part of the Hebrew Scriptures and are of value to us only as any other non-canonical book.

The books of Maccabees are so named because they deal with events in the lives of Jewish patriots of the second and first centuries B.C. called by this name but more correctly called the Hasmonaeans. The founder of this family was Mattathias, a priest of Modin, a village near Lydda. He rose in revolt against Antiochus Epiphanes and fled with his five sons to the mountains. For the account of the Maccabean wars which followed we suggest that you read these books which you can, doubtless, find in your local public library.

Question: *Does not the reply of Christ in Luke 18:19 ("Why callest thou me good?") infer that He was not absolutely perfect?*

Answer: He does not deny His goodness in this question. In fact, a careful study of the context indicates just the opposite. The ruler had no right to call Christ good unless he realized who He was. Notice how He dealt with the Canaanitish woman in Matthew 15:22 when she called Him the "Son of David." He answered not a word! She had come to Him on a basis to which she had no right. When she realized this and came to Him just on her own He then said, "great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Just as in this case He did not deny that He was the Son of David, so in the case of the ruler He does not deny being good. In point He is saying, "Do not call me good unless you realize who I am."

A GLORIOUS FINAL TESTIMONY

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Yeshua, the blessed One, Who was to come at a certain specified time. I could have told her that we will die and be judged and could be saved by the blood of Jesus Christ. I thank and praise God every moment of my life for the Messiah of Israel.

As I came to the Mission tonight, I thought of all the wonderful things that God has done and how little we appreciate them. I want to thank Clara, Joe and all who have helped to guide and mold me and directed me to the Word of God, both Old and New Testaments.

I also said in class one time that I was always an egotist about memorization. I thought I could memorize and I have shown it, but I also realize that it wasn't me, but Yeshua Ha Mashiach Who did it. I want to thank God for the mind He gave me and the friends I now have. I thank God too for the high elevation of teaching I have had from Raymond Cohen.

One day a man came up to me and said, "God is so magnificent and wonderful; and He looks down on man and says, 'he's nothing.'" I answered, "that's why Jesus Christ had to die to elevate us to the high plane of fellowship with God."

In closing I'd like to quote two verses. One is Romans 1:16. I have come to love and share fellowship with Clara Rubin who loves this verse. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

The other verse is mine and I like it very much. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

Thank you very much. I am not a speaker, but thank God He used me tonight.

These were his last words. Praising God, he was called home. With us that evening were seven Jewish people attending for the first time. I challenged them: Tonight God has given you an opportunity to see life and death before your eyes. We are only a breath away from God. Are you prepared to meet God, for surely when our eyes are closed to this world, we will see God face to face. Where will you spend eternity, in heaven or hell?

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (2 Cor. 5:8).

At the close of the meeting one of the new Jewish ladies invited Yeshua to come into her heart. We all sang a song of praise. Now she comes to our Friday night Bible class to grow in the Lord. God giveth the victory. Our thanks go to Him for giving us such a wonderful Mission family to pray for our work.

INCIDENTS IN THE FIELD

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aging her in these trying days. Her brother is trying to keep her from going to church and other members of her family discourage her from believing in her "crazy religion." Last week her brother had her visit a psychiatrist. The doctor could find nothing wrong with her and told her to "forget it." But S cannot forget for she has

tasted of the Lord's goodness and He is in her heart to stay.

S has emphysema and is thinking of moving to Arizona. Pray for her health and that she should grow in grace. The Christians in the local church are very loving and desire to be her "brothers and sisters" if she will allow them.



ISRAEL in the Spotlight

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CHAPTER III

WORLD PROSPECT: CHAOS UNTIL CHRIST COMES

Many are the would-be experts today who think they can look into the future and outline for us precisely the turn of events. It is well that these pronouncements are forgotten as soon as they are made or shortly thereafter, or only embarrassment would result from a comparison of them with the actual manner in which events do transpire. In short, only God has the power to look into the future and tell us what will come to pass. He knows the end from the beginning, so both alike are clear to Him. He has graciously sketched for us in a number of portions of Scripture the trend of world events.

A remarkable instance is to be found in the Book of Ezekiel. The prophet Ezekiel was one of the captivity prophets who not only saw the kingdom of Judah go into Babylonian Captivity, but was exiled there himself. We find him at the outset of his prophecy among the captives by the river Chebar (1:1). His messages are largely those of judgment, as those of Jeremiah are, because the people of God in that day were ripe for judgment. But like all the prophets, he has God's remedy for the disaster that Israel has brought upon itself.

The unusual passage which pictures for us the program of events for the

future is found in chapter 21, verses 24 to 27. The prophet declares: "Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. And thou, O deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day is come, in the time of the iniquity of the end, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Remove the mitre, and take off the crown; this shall be no more the same; exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high, I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; this also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."

There are three striking truths in this portion of the prophecy of Ezekiel. The first is:

The Cause of the Judgment

There are three principal prophecies of judgment in this chapter: (1) against the whole land of Israel (vs. 2, 3ff.); (2) against King Zedekiah, the last king of Judah (vs. 25); and (3) against the land of Ammon (vs. 28). The Lord's sharpened sword is in prominence and devours on every hand. This sword is

mentioned some fifteen times by actual count. It is drawn from its sheath; it is sharpened for slaughter; and it is furnished to make it as lightning. The cause of the judgment on Israel is distinctly stated. They have made their iniquities so memorable, and their transgressions have been so flagrant and outbroken, that their sins are manifest in all their deeds. They have heaped unto themselves iniquity and transgression and sin, until they are ensnared in their own inevitable noose.

And the weak and wicked King Zedekiah was the very symbol of the sin of the nation. He is addressed in most severe terms—"thou, O deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of Israel"—as though he were already suffering the dire punishment which his sins have brought upon him. The language is most vivid and emphatic. The hour of his judgment has come. How truly this was carried out, we know from the fact of his deportation to Babylon, the slaying of his sons before his eyes, and then the putting out of his eyes by the cruel enemy. Friends, the white light of God's Word lays bare every sinful thing; it did in the case of Zedekiah and all Israel, and it does so for us all now.

Some years ago when modern chemistry was in its early growth, a fashionable audience gathered in Paris for an experimental lecture on chemistry. When they came out into the open, they greeted one another with exclamations of dismay. The faces of most of the women had been ludicrously transformed. Their cheeks, lips, and in some cases the entire surface of exposed skin had turned into varying shades of blue, yellow, or violet. The chemical effects of the gases set free during the lecture had touched everyone who had used any cosmetics. When the piercing light of God's presence and Word shines into the hearts of men, everything that has been hid-

den becomes open, and the naked things are made manifest.

The second arresting truth in our Scripture is:

The Chaos Predicted

The judgment on Zedekiah was only the beginning of woe for Israel. The prophet Ezekiel foretells that chaos will result from the judgment that God brings. All will be turned upside down. The mitre of the high-priest would be gone; the crown from the head of the king of Israel would be removed; the low would be exalted; and the high would be brought low. As clearly as words can tell it, it is stated that society would be in a state of revolution, commotion, and upheaval. This passage is the death sentence on the Aaronic priesthood and the Davidic monarchy in the form in which it had existed.

The prophet predicts the complete overthrow of both offices. When Judah was led captive to Babylon, it marked the end of rule by the kings of David's dynasty. Too, the ark and the Shekinah glory were not present in the temple of Zerubbabel, nor were the Urim and Thummim (Ezra 2:63). Overturning is to be the order of the day. Ezekiel says, "this not (shall not be) this"—that is, nothing will be allowed to remain as it had been before. Revolution and upheaval will be the order of the day. Everything from the lowest to the highest will be turned upside down. There will be rest and security nowhere. And this appeared so, not only for Israel, mark you, but with the kingdoms and empires that followed: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome.

In more recent times we have witnessed the loss of rule by so many crowned heads of the world, and the exaltation to office of the base. When we think of the European scene, although it is true universally, during

the past dozen and more years, we are made to realize as never before the aptness of Ezekiel's prophecy; we have witnessed gangsterism on an international level. And the end is not yet. Men have turned things upside down all too often, and now it is God's turn to do so. World chaos has been brought about by the judgment of God. There is no peace nor security.

Spurgeon, the great English preacher, once said that wise men of old claimed that no sin was ever committed whose consequences rested on the head of the sinner alone. No man can do ill and his fellows not suffer. They illustrated it in this way: a vessel from Joppa carried a passenger one day who, beneath his berth, cut a hole through the ship's side. When the men on watch reasoned with him, "What are you doing, O miserable man?" the offender said calmly, "What matters it to you? The hole I have made lies under my own berth!" When God began to overturn in Israel, there was upheaval and has been everywhere ever since.

But our portion of the Word of God indicates, in the last place,

The Coming of the Peace-Bringer

God assures us that this overturning will not go on endlessly. There will be a limit and end to the chaos. It will terminate with the coming of the One whose right it is to rule and reign. All men are ultimately incompetent to wield and hold authority. There is One, however, who has this right, and it is Shiloh of Judah's tribe and the King from the line of David. The words "until he come" are an allusion to the prophecy in Genesis 49:10: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff [a law-giver] from between his feet, Until Shiloh come; And unto him shall the obedience of the peoples be." The empty throne is waiting for the coming

of the rightful Occupant. The right to the priesthood and the throne are the Messiah's.

Zechariah it was (6:13) who foretold that "he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne." Here we have royalty and priesthood united and blended in one glorious Person, that of the Messiah and Saviour of Israel, the Lord Jesus Christ. David was prophesying of Him too when he spoke in Psalm 110 of the Messiah as ruling in the midst of His enemies, and at the same time fulfilling the high-priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

The angel Gabriel announced that the Lord God would give the Messiah the throne of His father David, and He would rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there would be no end (Luke 1:32, 33). In the Tractate Sota of the Talmud it is said: "The Urim and Thummim, and the king from David's stem, had ceased with the destruction, and their restoration is to be expected only when the dead are raised up, and the Messiah, David's Son, appears." Chaos—note it carefully—can only cease when the Messiah of God appears.

At a missionary meeting on the Island of Raratonga in the Pacific Ocean, an old man arose and said, "I have lived during the reign of four kings. In the first we were continually at war, and a fearful season it was. During the second we were overtaken with a severe famine, and then we ate rats and grass and wood. During the third we were conquered, and became the peck and prey of the two other settlements of the island. But during the reign of this third king, we were visited by another King—a great King, a good King, a peaceful King, a King of love, Jesus, the Lord from heaven. He has gained the victory. He has con-

quered our hearts; therefore, we now have peace of heart and soul in this world, and hope soon to dwell with Him in Heaven." Only the Peace-Bringer can accomplish this.

Do not be misled into thinking that conditions will be otherwise than given in God's Word. Israel without her King is in unrest, in famine for the Word of the Lord, and at the mercy

of so many enemies the world over. Let her trust in God the Messiah and know peace and security. To the individual Jew, as well as Gentile, who is out of Christ, who has never trusted Him for salvation, it is chaos, unrest, turmoil, and strife in your heart, until Messiah the Saviour, is given His rightful place and sway. Turn your heart to Him now!

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